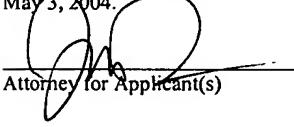


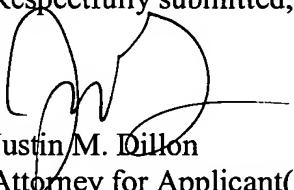
## REMARKS

The above-referenced continuation application claims the benefit of priority to, and incorporates by reference, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/307,305, entitled "Approximated Per-Flow Rate Limiting", filed May 7, 1999. Applicant respectfully submits that support for the amendments made herein is provided by the original disclosure (e.g., Figs. 3 and 5 and pages 7, 9, 15, 17, and 20) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/307,305 and consequently that no new matter has been added. Because no new matter has been added, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-referenced continuation application is entitled to the original filing date of May 7, 1999.

## CONCLUSION

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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